

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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The paragraph at lines 8-14 has been amended as follows:

A container ~~contained~~ used in the present invention for containing liquid is a specimen container and/or a reagent container. The container has an opening at an upper portion, and a lid capable of being opened/closed with an opening/closing pivot part is coupled to the container. The lid is configured so as to block the opening of the container. Preferably, the lid is configured so as to have a construction which may seal the container.